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REF: A. STATE 194561 B. STATE 195849

SUMMARY: OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH MFA NUCLEAR OFFICIAL
(ALLINE) AND FRENCH IAEA GOVERNOR (GOLDSCHMIDT) INDICATE
THAT GOF DOES NOT INTEND AT PRESENT EITHER TO
OPPOSE REDUCTION OF US BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT IN IAEA
OR TO INITIATE DEBATE DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE CO//SIDER-
ATION OF REVISED ASSESSMENT SCALE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 9, EMBASSY MADE SEPARATE APPROACHES
TO MFA OFFICIALS DEALING WITH AMERICAN AND NUCLEAR
AFFAIRS TO PRESENT US POSITION (REF A AND REF B) ON
IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION OF A REVISED SCALE
OF ASSESSMENT FOR IAEA MEMBER NATIONS. DIRECTOR MFA
NUCLEAR AFFAIRS OFFICE, ALLINE, REPLIED THAT THE GOF
SUPPORTS THE EFFORT TO SET A MAXIMUM RATE OF ASSESSMENT
(25 PERCENT) FOR MEMBERS OF THE UN AND ITS SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES. HE RAISED THE ISSUE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS FIN-
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ANCING NOTING THE FRENCH OBJECTIONS, AS OUTLINED IN
REF B. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY

GOF INTENTION TO INITIATE A DEBATE ON SAFEGUARDS FINANCING DURING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION OF ASSESSMENT RATES, THOUGH FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS BERTRAND GOLDSCHMIDT COULD CONCEIVABLY BE PLANNING TO DO SO. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY THE US POSITION/TO THE OFFICIALS DEALING WITH FINANCIAL MATTERS AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR SCIATT TO DO SO DIRECTLY.

2. GOLDSCHMIDT, WHO WAS UNAVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 9, WAS REACHED BY TELEPHONE ON SEPTEMBER 10. HE SAID HE HAS NOT CONCERNED HIMSELF WITH THE QUESTION OF THE IAEA REVISED SCALE OF ASSESSMENT; THAT WAS A MATTER FOR THE MFA. TO OUR EXPRESSION OF CONCERN THAT GOF MIGHT INITIATE DEBATE ON SAFEGUARDS FINANCING DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION OF ASSESSMENT SCALE THUS ENDANGERING REDUCTION OF US RATE, GOLDSCHMIDT REPLIED FIRST THAT SUCH TACTICAL MOVES WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MFA, AND THEN "DON'T WORRY, WE'LL FIND OTHER OCCASIONS TO RAISE THAT ISSUE." HIS GENERAL ATTITUDE TO OUR APPROACH WAS REASSURING.

3. COMMENT: ALLINE'S AND GOLDSCHMIDT'S REPLIES TOGETHER LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THE GOF HAS NOT MADE DECISION EITHER TO OPPOSE THE REDUCTION IN THE US ASSESSMENT NOR TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF SAFEGUARDS FINANCING DURING THE GC CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED ASSESSMENT SCALE. BOTH GAVE IMPRESSION OF NOT HAVING CONSIDERED RAISING SAFEGUARDS FINANCING ISSUE.

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